

includes clerical and technical staff, and they should hire these people with the explanation of the problems created by what the Legislature did this time but which can be corrected by its succeeding Legislatures. They are granted specifically by the statutes all powers necessary to carry out the functions and duties placed upon them by statute and that includes soliciting and accepting gifts and grants. But here is a very important provision that remains untouched in the law. The Mexican-American Commission has the power to contract with public and private groups to conduct its business. What they are going to have to do I think is use some ingenuity. The Legislature has decided to create a crisis by saying we are going to take these agencies that spend an infinitesimally small amount of money compared to other high ticket items, the Legislature is going to cut them and say whatever consequences result we will just abide those consequences. It disturbed me to hear Senator DeCamp talking his way about what the bankers cannot do. You saw their power this morning. He pointed it out to you by saying, he is reading from a letter from one of the biggest, most powerful law firms in the state, and the bankers are able to hire those kinds of law firms, so he contradicted himself and I think what he said will be taken with a grain of salt for what it is worth which is far less than the amount we are asking for, for these commissions. It will not be too great a burden for us to extend the session for a day. If these modest proposals are not accepted, I hope those who say they are supporting them from the standpoint of principle will not be able to vote for this budget as it exists now and the Governor will call us back into special session. If there are people such as Senator Lamb who thinks that the Governor should have the obligation to cut the budget, we should restore these agencies and see if based on his priorities, and his system of values, and his personal orientation, if these are the cuts that he would make. So I am supporting the motion to return this bill and I hope that these provisions will be adopted. I still say today what I said yesterday. I think a tax increase is going to be necessary and these agencies will have been cut to no purpose. Despite what the World Herald in its arrogance said about me being wrong to mention racism in connection with the cutting of these programs, I doubly back that position and I think the World Herald editor who wrote that editorial is full of what comes out of certain animals from whichever end you want to attribute it to. This is a very serious matter to me, and for those